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18. (New) The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein the second conveyor run includes perforations.

19. (New) The apparatus of Claim 18, further comprising a vacuum source at the first surface to bias the foodstuff portions against the second conveyor run.

20. (New) The apparatus of Claim 19, further comprising a vacuum source at the second surface to bias the foodstuff portions against the second conveyor run.

21. (New) The apparatus of Claim 20 further comprising a pressure source at the second surface downstream from the vacuum source to repel the portions therefrom.

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22. (New) The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising a third conveyor run located a spaced distance from the first conveyor run to form a gap therebetween, said third conveyor run being suitably located to carry the trimmed foodstuff portions from the second conveyor run.

23. (New) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein the cutting device is a band knife.

24. (New) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein the cutting device is an ultrasonic knife.

25. (New) The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising a second cutting device to portion the foodstuff portions along a second axis.

26. (New) The apparatus of Claim 25, wherein the second cutting device is selected from the group consisting of band saws, band knives, oscillating saws, oscillating knives, water jets, high pressure fluid jets, and lasers.

27. (New) The apparatus of Claim 26, further comprising a third cutting device to portion the foodstuff portions along a third axis.

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A/ 28. (New) The apparatus of Claim 27, wherein the third cutting device is selected from the group consisting of band saws, band knives, oscillating saws, oscillating knives, water jets, high pressure fluid jets, and lasers.

29. (New) A system for portioning foodstuff portions along three axis, comprising:  
means for conveying foodstuff portions to a first cutting means;  
first cutting means for portioning the foodstuff portions along a first axis;  
means for conveying the foodstuff portions to a second cutting means;  
second cutting means for portioning the foodstuff portions along a second axis; and  
third cutting means for portioning the foodstuff portions along a third axis, wherein the first, second, and third cutting means are substantially operating simultaneously to produce a continuous flow of foodstuff portions portioned along three axes.

30. (New) A method for processing foodstuff portions, comprising steps for:  
transferring foodstuff portions from a first conveyor run to a second conveyor run, wherein the foodstuff portion is carried on a first side on the first conveyor run, and carried from a second side on the second conveyor run; and

portioning the foodstuff portions at the first side while the foodstuffs are carried by the second conveyor run.

31. (New) The product produced by the method according to Claim 30.

32. (New) An apparatus for processing foodstuff portions along a first axis, comprising:

a first conveyor having a first carrying belt to carry foodstuff portions on a first side thereof;

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a second conveyor having a second carrying belt trained on a vacuum chamber housing, wherein the second belt includes perforations, and wherein the second conveyor is located above the first conveyor and extends along the first conveyor;

a vacuum source located at the vacuum chamber housing to cause the foodstuff portions to be biased through the second conveyor belt perforations onto the second belt, thusly taking up the foodstuff portions on a second side; and

a cutting device positioned below the second conveyor to portion the first side of the foodstuff portions.

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